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FOR: "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
CONDITIONING GAS FOR MEDICAL  
PROCEDURES HAVING HUMIDITY MONITORING  
AND RECHARGE ALERT"

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY  
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41 (a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONDITIONING GAS FOR MEDICAL PROCEDURES HAVING HUMIDITY MONITORING AND RECHARGE ALERT" described in the specification filed herewith.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known by me to be material to the patentability of the claims of this application as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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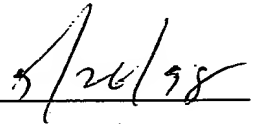
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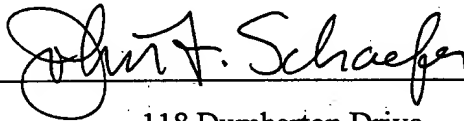
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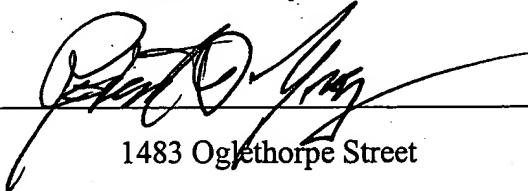
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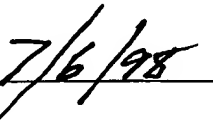
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